## The 58<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Statistical Institute will be in Dublin, Ireland August 21 – 26, 2010.

CWS INVITED SESSION: The session will be on "Women's role in fighting poverty and the informal economy." Its objective is to present surveys and innovative statistical analysis that investigate the link between gender, poverty and women's participation in the informal economy. Organizer: Denise Silva (denise.silva@ons.gsi.gov.uk)

## ABSTRACT:

The link between gender issues, poverty and the women's participation in the informal economy is well-known between researchers, policy makers and the general public. Across the world, women are likely to be employed (or self-employed) in the informal sector, either as a strategy for fighting poverty or due to the need to accommodate family/motherhood duties with part time jobs.

In this session we would like to bring together the experience of users and producers of statistical data related to this subject in order to:

- Highlight its relevance and the continuing need for data on this subject;
- Discuss/identify difficulties in producing this type of data;
- Present innovative surveys or statistical analysis on this topic.

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